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Mr. Hedberg:

This letter is in response to your request for clarification on our reclamation program at the Cricket Mountain plant. We appreciated the opportunity to have met with you, Doug Jensen and Paul Baker on 22 July, 2002. Your comments and suggestions are very helpful. Enclosed please find additional descriptions of our reclamation plan. Attached also is a map showing the details of our site. You may refer to the map for a layout of the specific areas described below.

South Area:

Debris from blasting and mining activities has formed a talus slope covering the bedrock in this area. Our plan is to leave this area at the existing angle of repose. The terrain is very steep in this area and any attempt to grade to a 3:1 slope would create additional surface disturbance. Talus slopes are present further southeast on line with this slope.

West Waste Dump:

Growth media has been stockpiled in an area labeled Topsoil stockpile "A". This will be applied over the dump to a depth of six (6) inches. Ripping is to be done along contour. The top of the waste dump will be shaped and bermed to collect and divert rainfall toward the seeded area to the north. Slope breaks will be utilized to minimize the effects of erosion.

Once the growth media has been removed from stockpile "A" the resulting hole will be graded and contoured so that the whole dump area will blend into the existing undisturbed hillside to the northeast. When the whole dump has been treated with growth media, it will be ripped along contour and seeded. All surfaces are to be left in a roughened condition so as to enhance revegetative success.

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North Waste Dump (not shown on attached map):

The soil located between the North waste dump and the hillside to the south will be salvaged for use in reclamation. The dump will be graded and contoured back into the hillside. Limestone fines will be applied to the top of the waste dump covered by six (6) inches of growth media. The surface will be ripped and seeded by broadcasting. The north edge of this dump will remain untreated and at the existing angle of repose. The terrain is very steep and it would not be feasible to reach a 3:1 slope without significant surface disturbance.

Quarry Benches:

Quarry benches number 5960 West and 5920 West have less than 2% vegetative cover and have not performed well. Additional growth media will be applied to these two benches, then lightly ripped and reseeded to improve the vegetative cover.

On quarry benches number 5940 East and 5900 East the vegetation has suffered under the current drought conditions and is not performing well. We propose to carefully reapply growth media to these two benches and reseed them in an effort to improve the vegetative cover.

We will continue to monitor the revegetative success of the other benches. The remainder of the quarry benches that have not been reclaimed will receive an application of six (6) inches of growth media followed by ripping and broadcast seeding. Bench number 5770 will remain untreated for the time being as an access route while we evaluate the economics of mining reserves lying to the east of the current pit.

Roads:

All roads constructed around the Poison Mountain pit are to be reclaimed using a track-hoe to establish contour with the slope, followed by broadcast seeding. All surfaces will be left in a roughened condition so as to enhance revegetative success.

We are following the original Reclamation Plan for the Poison Mountain Quarry as far as possible and are seeking to carry out reclamation activities in a timely manor. Your input and ideas to insure the success of this reclamation program are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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